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## BOOK REVIEWS

**CHRONICLES OF THE SCOTCH-IRISH SETTLEMENT IN VIRGINIA** [Abstracts of the Records of Augusta County, Virginia]. Extracts from the original Court Records of Augusta County 1745-1800. By Lyman Chalkley, Dean of the College of Law of Kentucky University, late Judge of the County Court of Augusta County, Virginia. Published by Mary S. Lockwood, Honorary Vice-President General, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Complete in three volumes, Vol. II. Printers—The Commonwealth Company, Rosslyn, Va. pp. 653, with full index.

All the good things which have been said about the first volume of this series can be repeated and emphasized in regard to this one. It includes abstracts of the papers filed in suits in the old district and circuit courts at Staunton, comprising depositions, wills, deeds, bills and answers, &c, which contain so much information that, literally, it seems there cannot be a name between the Potomac and the North Carolina line, the Blue Ridge and the Ohio, which is not mentioned. As many Eastern Virginia people owned land in the Western portion of the colony and state, and as the jurisdiction of these courts extended to some of the counties this side the mountains, there are also many references to Eastern people. For instance, in 1804, there is a suit by Chiswell's heirs, which gives the names of all of the descendants of Col. Jno. Chiswell up to that date.

The genealogical interest is only a part of the value of the book. It shows, in a way never shown before, the immense and long continued emigration from Augusta and adjoining counties to the West and South. It gives details of many early settlements along the frontier, and shows who built the forts and cabins. It illustrates a land-hunger such as has only been revealed in later times when the United States has opened up new areas for settlement. There are masses of information about the soldiers of the French and Indian, and Revolutionary wars. Hundreds of pages are given to the marriage records of Augusta, Rockbridge and Rockingham. There are references to schools and school-masters on pages 24, 28, 78, 124, 144, 160, 200, 208, 217,(two), 218, 221, 224, 226, 264, 268, and possibly others places.

On p. 258 is a very interesting extract from the will of Dr. James Hopkins of Amherst Co., who, in 1803, made what was probably the first bequest of its kind in Virginia; and who left property to found a small hospital for the treatment of consumption, cancer and venereal disease. Only an examination of the book itself can give a proper idea of the variety and value of its contents.

There are probably, of course, errors in transcription or printing, but one which has been noted is of interest. The Richmond County home of John Monroe, a kinsman of the President, is printed Fanlis. It should be Foulis, showing that the Virginia family remembered the old home in Scotland.

As was the case with the previous volume the index is very good. Mrs. Lockwood's address is The Columbia, Washington, D. C.

**PORTRAITS OF PATRICK HENRY.** By Charles Henry Hart, Philadelphia, 1913. Reprint from Proceedings of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, pp. 5, with engravings of the Thomas Sully portrait and Lawrence Sully miniature.

In the paper here printed Mr. Hart studies the two portraits of Patrick Henry, pronounces against the accuracy of the well-known portrait by Thomas Sully, formerly owned by Mr. W. W. Henry of this city, and attributes high value to the miniature, until recently the property of Mr. J. Syme Fleming, also of this city. Mr. Hart discovered that the miniature was by Lawrence Sully and was painted in 1795.

**VIRGINIA AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF TEXAS.** By James E. Winston. Reprint from the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, January, 1913, pp. 7.

Professor Winston briefly but interestingly describes the part taken by Virginians in securing the independence of Texas. Besides such leaders as Austin, Houston and Archer, there were many other Virginians who did honorable and useful service.

**CARLYLE FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND SARAH (FAIRFAX) CARLYLE. THE CARLYLE HOUSE AND ITS ASSOCIATIONS.** By Richard Henry Spencer, Richmond, Va. Whittet and Shepperson, 1910, pp. 58, with 14 illustrations.

Mr. Spencer has given a carefully prepared and interesting account of the Carlyle family in Scotland, of their descendant, John Carlyle, of Alexandria, Va., and of the few old houses still standing in that City, which he built, and which is noted as having been the scene of the conference at which Braddock planned his unlucky campaign.

**LITERARY INFLUENCES IN COLONIAL NEWSPAPERS, 1704-1750.** By Elizabeth Christine Cook, Ph.D., New York. Columbia University Press, 1912. Lemcke & Buechner, New York, Agents. pp. 279, with index.

A thesis for a doctorate in a college or university of good standing is usually quite a worthy product of grubbing among "the sources" for information in regard to a subject which the writer has previously known little or nothing about. Often the investigations of the student produce something of real value. They rarely do more, and the results are frequently dreary reading even for the most interested.